

REMARKS

Claims 13-15, 17, 18, 29, 31-35 and 38-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12, 16, 19-28, 30, 36 and 37 are canceled. Claims 18 is amended.

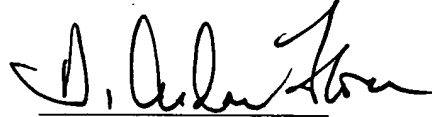
The Office Action indicates that claims 13-15, 17, 18, 29, 31-35 and 38-42 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 21, 25 and 26 based on U.S. Patent No. 5,126,748 to Ames et al., and based on Ames in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,280,472 to Gilhousen et al.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 21, 25 and 26 have been canceled from this application in order to expedite issuance of a patent with the allowed claims 13-15, 17, 18, 29, 31-35 and 38-42. Applicant in no way concedes, or acquiesces in, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 21, 25 and 26, and reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in a continuation application.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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